

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 22, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Present: Tom Costley, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, David A. Rempell, Ronald Turbin

Absent: Thomas E. Sheldon

Others Present: Helen Fruscio, Albert Bessette, Jr., Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** None
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** February 8, 2010 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the February 8, 2010 minutes as presented. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 3-0-1 with Mr. Turbin abstaining.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. 7:05 PM – Request from Verizon New England and Massachusetts Electric Company to relocate one jointly owned pole numbered T.5/E.5 to a point on the Southeasterly side of Belden Street approximately fifteen feet Southwesterly from the centerline of Danforth Street for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and for the transmission of high and low voltage electric current. (Albert Bessette, Jr.)

Chairman Costley opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Bessette, Right-of-Way Manager for Verizon New England, explained that the pole relocation was that of a housekeeping issue. He said the pole was moved eighteen years ago to provide for some bridge construction. Verizon would like to move the pole back to its original location to eliminate a trespass over #67 Danforth St. and move the pole out of the front of #70 Belden St. Mr. Bessette said he thought the pole would be more secure in the proposed location due to guardrails that are in place there. Mr. Turbin moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Turbin moved to approve the petition as presented. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Berkshire Creative Economy Council (Helena Fruscio) – Ms. Fruscio gave a presentation to introduce and talk about the services provided by the Berkshire Creative Economy Council. She distributed a handout that explained the mission of Berkshire Creative that included Creating Connections, Economic Initiatives and Creative Advocacy. Mr. Turbin asked where the agency obtained its funds. Ms. Fruscio said mostly through state agencies including the Massachusetts Cultural Council with matched local funds. She said she is the only employee. Mr. Rempell asked if Berkshire Creative is familiar with Berkshire Enterprises. Ms. Fruscio said they are listed on Creative's website and her agency sends people there frequently. Ms. Allen asked how long Berkshire Creative has been in service. Ms. Fruscio said three years. The selectmen thanked Ms. Fruscio for her presentation.

B. Set a Public Hearing Date and Time for an Application from Berkshire Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a The Purple Pub and Spring Street Pizzeria, 61-65 Spring St., Williamstown, for an All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License, Molly B. Ferioli, Manager.

Ms. Allen moved to set a public hearing on March 8, 2010 at 7:05 p.m. for an Application from Berkshire Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a The Purple Pub and Spring Street Pizzeria, 61-65 Spring St., Williamstown, for an All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License, Molly B. Ferioli, Manager. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Set a Public Hearing Date and Time for an Application from Mezze, Inc., d/b/a Mezze Bistro and Bar for a Change of Location for an All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License from 16 Water Street to 777 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, Nancy C. Thomas, Manager.

Ms. Allen moved to set a public hearing on March 8, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. for an Application from Mezze, Inc., d/b/a Mezze Bistro and Bar for a Change of Location for an All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License from 16 Water Street to 777 Cold Spring Road, Williamstown, Nancy C. Thomas, Manager. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) Letter of Support – Mr. Rempell moved that the Chairman sign a letter of support for the Massachusetts Broadband Institute in its application for federal stimulus funding. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Reuther Post #152 Request for Support for Memorial Day Flyover – Ms. Anna Saldo-Burke on behalf of the American Legion Post #152 requested that the Town Manager sign a form requesting a Memorial Day flyover. Ms. Allen moved to have the Town Manager sign the form. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached report

6. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rempell asked that the Town Manager give an overview of the FY11 budget at the next selectmen meeting.

Ms. Allen gave a shout-out to the House of Local History for its presentation by Russ Carpenter on the Field Family. She said the House of Local History was a great resource for the Town.

7. ADJOURN: Ms. Allen moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen meeting is Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen
Secretary pro tempore

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